GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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AUTONOMY TO J & K
MOHAN RAWALE

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned ` Give Jammu and Kashmir autonomy or independence, says Jammu and Kashmir Minister` appearing in the Indian Express, dated February 02, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI L.K.ADVANI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c) The Government of Jammu & Kashmir have recently accepted the report of its State Autonomy Committee. The Report basically speaks of going back to the pre-1953 status. The Report is presently being examined by the Central Government.